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**Public Records Act Request
CPUC Reference No.: PRA #18-603**

Dear Mr. Chediak:

On November 30, 2018, you asked the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to provide you a copy of the following:

- *Any written statements, provided by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to the CPUC, concerning any October 2017 and November 2018 wildfires.
- *Any communication between Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and the CPUC including emails, printed reports, memos and text messages from regarding the October 2017 and November 2018 wildfires.
- * All CPUC data requests provided to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. concerning any of the October 2017 and November 2018 wildfires.
- * All written responses provided by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to any CPUC Data Request concerning any of the October 2017 and November 2018 Wildfires
- * All vegetation management, line maintenance, repair and tree-trimming records from Pacific Gas & Electric for Napa, Sonoma, Solano and Butte counties from January 2017 to the present.

Attached please find documents responsive to your request. I apologize for the delay in response.

Please note that the Commission will not be providing you with any record or portions thereof that are exempt from disclosure according to any of the following privileges or exemptions: lawyer-client privilege (Cal. Evid. Code § 950, *et seq.*); attorney work product doctrine (Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 2018.010, *et seq.*); deliberative process privilege (*see, e.g.*, *Times Mirror Co. v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325); official information privilege (Cal. Evid. Code § 1040). Such records are exempt from disclosure in response to your records request, pursuant to Cal. Gov't. Code § 6254(k), which exempts: "Records, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law, including, but not limited to, provisions of the Evidence Code relating to privilege." In addition, pursuant to the official information privilege

and Resolution L-436¹, the Commission also will not disclose investigatory records at this time during the pendency of the investigation of the Northern California fires.

Your request calls for us to search for, collect and examine a voluminous amount of records. Therefore, production must be conducted on a rolling, on-going basis. We estimate that the next production of non-exempt, responsive documents under PRA No. 18-603 will be made available to you by March 29, 2019.

Please refer to PRA #18-603 in your communications with the Commission regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,


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¹ Resolution L-436 is accessible on the Commission's website using the Resolution Search Form, available at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/ResolutionSearchForm.aspx>. Enter "L-436" in the "Resolution Number" box and click "Search."